

Family Focus

by Joan Mier

The District would like to welcome the following new employees:

Rose Marie Gonzalez reported to the HTRW section on Oct. 3. She hails from Queens, New York.

Beverly Noel joined the Operations Division on Nov. 2.

Joyce Wexler reported to Resource Management Division on Nov 2.

Bruce Jordan joined the HTRW section on Nov. 17. He may look familiar to many of you. He is **Brian Jordan's** identical twin brother. Brian is a chemist for Geotech and teleworks from Silver City, New Mexico.

Charles Little joined the Information Management Office on Dec 1.

Stephen Thomas reported to Engineering and Construction on Dec 15.

The District also bid farewell to a number of employees.

Don Watson, chief of the Information Management Office, left the District Oct. 28 to return to a position in Korea. His staff had cake for Don on Oct. 23 and several people from the District also joined him at Fox and Hounds Pub on the evening of Oct. 27 to say goodbye in an informal environment. We wish Don the best of luck!

Bias Redding, a park ranger at John Martin Dam, accepted a position with the Huntington District as an outdoor recreation planner. His last day was Oct 10. We wish Bias the best of luck in his new position.

Frederic Scott, or "Scottie" as he was more widely known, retired from the Real Estate Division Oct. 31 after 30 years of service in the Corps of Engineers. Cake and punch was served for Scottie on Oct. 27. We all wish him a happy retirement.

Don Satz, chief of Real Estate Division, retired from the District on November 28. Don had 31 years of federal service. Cake and punch was served for Don on November 25. Don said, among other things, he will increase his participation in his Internet classical music business. We

wish Don all the best in his retirement years.

Elke Doser, Information Management Office, left the District Dec. 19 to accept a position as Systems Administrator in Mannheim Germany. A luncheon was held for Elke Dec. 17 at Johnny Carino's restaurant. Elke, a native of Germany, is excited about returning home. We wish her the best!

Last, but certainly not least, "mad" **Max Montoya**, our mail clerk for 12 years, accepted a position with the fire department at Kirtland Air Force Base. A luncheon was held for Max at Red Lobster and cake was served on his last day, Dec. 11. Max knew everyone and everyone knew Max. He was famous for his humor, practical jokes (which many of us would still fall for after all these years) and his willingness to go that extra mile to help us with all our mail needs. We will all miss him (he spoiled us rotten) and wish him the very best!

Congratulations to **Leslie Molina**, contract specialist in Contracting Division, on the birth of her first child, Marisa Renne, on Nov. 16. Marisa weighed 7 pounds, 10 ounces and was 19 inches long. Congratulations also to Leslie's mom, **Rose Lovato**, Engineering and Construction Division, on the birth of her first grandchild!

Congratulations also go to former District Commander **Lt. Col. Raymond Midkiff**, who has been selected for promotion to Colonel. No one ever doubted it. Midkiff served as the District Engineer from 2000 to 2002.

Congratulations also to **Rudy Villarreal**, Pueblo Regulatory Office, on his acceptance into the Colorado State Fair Jurored Fine Art Contest. Of more than 1100 entries, only 400 were accepted. Rudy's wife was also awarded a "Juror's Choice" for a sculpture she submitted.

Our deepest sympathy goes to **Andrea Leal**, Contracting Division, on the loss of her father, Epi Garcia, who passed away Oct. 16. □

Drug testing program to be implemented

by Jim Jaffe
Safety Manager

The long awaited drug-testing program is coming to the Albuquerque District. USACE Headquarters Commander's policy memorandum #7 states, "it is the policy of the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers that use of illegal drugs on or off duty will not be tolerated".

The types of testing are the following: **Reasonable suspicion testing** can apply to anyone in the District. All Department of Army civilian employees are subject to reasonable suspicion drug testing when there is evidence or reasonable suspicion that an individual is

impaired from the use of prohibited drugs.

Post accident testing is when you have an accident that involves hospitalization or damage to government property in excess of \$10,000, you will be subject to this testing.

Voluntary Testing is available if an employee wanted to demonstrate his or her commitment to a Drug-Free Workplace.

Follow-up testing is testing during or following enrollment in a rehabilitation program. This testing is unannounced and the Agency is

notified of positive test result. This would only apply to Testing Designated Positions (TDP's).

New Applicant and Random Testing for Testing Designated Positions -

All new applicants for Testing Designated Positions will be tested prior to being hired. A testing Designated Position in this District is a job that requires the incumbent to operate flood control gates to control water levels on waterways, to include dam operators. These positions will be subject to a random test with 50% of the positions tested annually.

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